IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A drive method of an EL display apparatus that comprises a switching element which turns on and off a current path between a driver transistor and an EL element, in each pixel, the drive method comprising:

aggregating image data or data equivalent to image data input to the EL display apparatus; and

determining a period to turn turning off the switching element according to an amount of for a longer period if the aggregated data is large in amount than if the aggregated data is small in amount.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An EL display apparatus that controls brightness of a screen using a ratio between non-display and display areas on the screen, the EL display apparatus comprising:

a display area in which EL elements and driver transistors that drive the EL elements are formed in a matrix;

gate signal lines configured to transmit voltages that turn on and off the EL elements in each pixel row;

a gate driver circuit configured to drive the gate signal lines;

an aggregation circuit configured to aggregate image data or data equivalent to image data input to the EL display apparatus; and

a control conversion circuit that controls a timing or a period to generate configured to convert aggregation results produced by the aggregation circuit into a start pulse signal for the gate driver circuit.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A control method of an EL display apparatus that controls brightness of a <u>display</u> screen using a ratio between non-display and display areas on the <u>display</u> screen, the control method comprising:

generating a delay time when changing the ratio between the non-display and display areas on the <u>display</u> screen from a first ratio to a second ratio.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The drive method of an EL display apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the ratio of the display area occupied on the display screen wherein the display area/ (the non-display area + the display area on the screen) is equal to or a larger than from 1/16 [[to]] and smaller than 1/1 both inclusive, and

the display area sequentially shifts on the display screen.

Claims 7-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (New): The drive method of an EL display apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

the aggregated data corresponds to power consumption consumed in the display screen of the EL display apparatus.

Claim 14 (New): The drive method of an EL display apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

the aggregated data is obtained by a processing of weighting the image data.

Claim 15 (New): The drive method of an EL display apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

generating a belt-like display area on the display screen of the EL display apparatus; and

shifting the belt-like display area in a predetermined direction synchronized with a frame frequency.

Claim 16 (New): The drive method of an EL display apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

detecting brightness of outside the EL display apparatus;

generating a belt-like non-display area and a belt-like display area; and

changing or adjusting a ratio of the belt-like non-display area and the belt-like display area according to an output value obtained by the detecting.

Claim 17 (New): The EL display apparatus according to Claim 4, further comprising: a selection circuit formed on a substrate on which the EL elements are formed; and a source driver circuit, wherein

the source driver circuit outputs a video signal of a first color or a video signal of a second color from a signal output terminal,

the substrate includes source signal lines to supply the video signals of the source driver circuit to the EL elements,

the selection circuit includes an input terminal to connect to the signal output terminal of the source driver circuit and a selection output terminal to connect to the source signal line,

the selection circuit includes a plurality of combinations of one output terminal and a plurality of selection output terminals configured to connect to the one output terminal, and

the selection circuit applies a video signal of the source driver circuit input to the input terminal of the selection circuit to the source signal line connected to the one or plural of selection output terminals that are selected from the plurality of the selection output terminals.

Claim 18 (New): The EL display apparatus according to Claim 4, further comprising a source driver circuit that applies a gradation signal to the EL elements, wherein the source driver circuit includes a voltage output circuit and a current output circuit.

Claim 19 (New): A drive method of an EL display apparatus that comprises a display screen in which an EL element is provided in each pixel formed in a matrix, the drive method comprising:

obtaining a power consumption consumed in the display screen or a data corresponding to the power consumption;

obtaining at least one of a ratio between non-display and display areas on the display screen and a number of divisions of the display area or that of the non-display area.

Claim 20 (New): The drive method of an El display apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein

the obtaining the power consumption or the data is performed by calculation after gamma-conversion of an input video signal.

Claim 21 (New): The drive method of an El display apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein

the power consumption or the data is obtained from an input video signal to the EL display apparatus.

Claim 22 (New): The drive method of an EL display apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein

the display area and the non-display area are respectively formed as a belt-like area, and

both of the display and non-display areas are shifted in the vertical direction on the display screen synchronized with a frame frequency.

Claim 23 (New): The drive method of an EL display apparatus according to Claim 19, further comprising:

detecting brightness of outside the EL display apparatus;

generating a belt-like non-display area and a belt-like display area as the non-display and display areas; and

changing or adjusting the ratio of the belt-like non-display area and the belt-like display area according to an output value obtained by the detecting.

Claim 24 (New): An XL display apparatus that has a display screen in which an EL element is provided in each pixel formed in a matrix, comprising:

a calculation circuit that obtains a power consumption consumed in the display screen or a data corresponding to the power consumption by a processing of weighting at least a video signal of a first color and a video signal of a second color; and

a display control circuit that controls to vary at least one of a ratio between nondisplay and display areas on the display screen and a number of divisions of the display area or that of the non-display area.

Claim 25 (New): The EL display apparatus according to Claim 24, further comprising:

a selection circuit formed on a substrate on which the EL elements are formed, and a source driver circuit, wherein

the source driver circuit outputs a video signal of a first color or a video signal of a second color from a signal output terminal,

the substrate includes source signal lines to supply the video signals of the source driver circuit to the EL elements,

the selection circuit includes an input terminal to connect to the signal output terminal of the source driver circuit and a selection output terminal to connect to the source signal line,

the selection circuit includes a plurality of combinations of one output terminal and a plurality of selection output terminals configured to connect to the one output terminal, and

the selection circuit applies a video signal of the source driver circuit input to the input terminal of the selection circuit to the source signal line connected to the one or plural of selection output terminals that are selected from the plurality of the selection output terminals.

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Claim 26 (New): The EL display apparatus according to Claim 24, further comprising:

a source driver circuit that applies a gradation signal to the EL elements, wherein the source driver circuit includes a voltage output circuit and a current output circuit.

Claim 27 (New): The EL display apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein the source driver circuit is an IC chip comprising a semiconductor, and the selection circuit is formed on the substrate by poly-silicon processing.

Claim 28 (New): The EL display apparatus according to Claim 24, wherein a drive transistor to supply current the EL element and a switch transistor formed on path of the current are provided in each of pixels, and

the current is controlled by switching on and off a switch transistor to generate beltlike non-display and display areas as the non-display and display areas on the display screen.